Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 26 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Mar 2021 at 02:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder day on Friday and mainly dry on Saturday until later, also for becoming less cold but unsettled thereafter. Low for timing of spells of rain and brighter colder interludes from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 26 Mar 2021: Starting cloudy with some rain and summit snow then brightening up to sunny intervals and occasional showers these turning to snow at lower levels.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	60%	60%	30%	50%

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021

Weather: A dull start with further outbreaks of rain, with snow levels falling down to about 500m, then becoming brighter with sunny intervals but frequent showers turning to snow down to quite low levels, around 300m in the afternoon and perhaps a shade lower in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first rising to 60% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Poor or very poor at first in heavy rain and snow, and summit blizzards. Becoming occasionally very good but falling poor, perhaps briefly very poor in snow showers. Cloud: Broken to overcast layers 600-800m at first with lower patches then becoming by day broken or well broken at 800-1100m but falling 600-700m in showers with the odd lower patch

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/53 S	26/33 SW	31/42 SW	30/41 SW	29/39 SW	27/36 S	22/29 SW
900	44/54 S	25/33 SW	28/39 SW	30/40 SW	28/37 SW	27/35 S	20/27 SW
600	29/38 S	18/25 SW	23/32 SW	22/32 SW	17/26 SW	17/27 S	13/20 SW
300	14/32 S	12/24 SW	15/30 SW	15/30 SW	11/23 SW	9/21 S	8/17 SW
Glen	6/25 S	6/20 SW	9/26 SW	9/25 SW	7/22 SW	5/18 SW	5/16 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-12	-5/-14	-5/-15	-6/-16	-7/-17	-7/-16	-6/-15
900	1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-11
600	3/-4	0/-6	0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-6	-1/-6
300	5/0	3/-1	3/-1	3/-2	2/-2	1/-2	1/-3
Glen	5/2	4/1	4/0	4/-0	3/-1	2/-1	1/-2
Freezing Level*	1000m	600m	400m	400m	300m	300m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds could be a little stronger than the table shows.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Weather: A few snow showers overnight but dying out to leave a dry and sunny morning and early afternoon. Then high cloud thickening and lowering with more persistent snow, with rain below 500m, arriving late afternoon or early evening though the far northeast staying mainly dry. The rain becoming heavy in the west with snow becoming confined to summits, with blizzards, but even there turning to rain by midnight.

Maximum wind: West 25 gusts 35mph becoming southwest 35 gusts 50mph in the afternoon, backing southerly and strengthening markedly in the evening with stormy conditions and speeds increasing 70 gusts 95mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% in the morning and until mid-afternoon, with only some high cloud around, falling quickly to reach 10% by mid evening as layered cloud at 500-800m arrives.

Visibility: Very good until late in the day then falling poor or very poor in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 at dawn rising to Plus 7 in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to Plus 3 during the evening.
Freezing level: All levels at dawn rising to 600m during the morning then up to 900m in the evening, later 1200m.

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